Black Gold League

Annual General Meeting

May 14, 2016

1. **Attendance**

Glen Dennis (President BGL), Kelly Keylor (VP BGL), Jason Sweet (Hinton), Chelsea Cameron (Leduc), Pam Horn (Leduc), Krista Wood (Spruce Grove), Jody Gardiner (Drayton Valley), Laura Shannon (Drayton Valley), Lana Fix (Statistican BGL), Linda Gillespie (Zone 5), Chris Kleinmann (EFCLRA), Warren Fuller (Sherwood Park), Ron Heigh (St. Albert), Cheryl Law (Lacombe), Sarah Stengel (St. Albert), Scott Petter (St. Albert), Sandra Fenton (Scheduler BGL), Jackie Shimko (Treasurer BGL / Beaumont), Rhonda Kew (Webmaster BGL / Spruce Grove), Tim Prault (Fort McMurray), Colleen Freitag (Lacombe), Darcy Brown (Red Deer), Carolyn Normand (Red Deer), Brian Hoyano (EFCLRA), Janice Tymkow (Pembina), Jeff Craik (Beaumont), Jeff Morgan (Fort Saskatchewan), Marcie Arnold (EFCLRA), Shannon Langstrom (EFCLRA), Kathleen Ryan (Edmonton Ringette Club)

1. **Meeting Called to Order**

* 9.02am by Glen Dennis

1. **Additions to Agenda**

* Fort McMurray (Tim Prault) – Fort McMurray wildfire address to BGL. Moves to 9.0 on Agenda.

**Motion:**

Move to Adopt the 2016 BGL AGM Agenda.

Moved: Jackie Shimko

Seconded: Krista Wood

Carried

1. **Review of 2015 BGL AGM Minutes**

* Copies of minutes were distributed to all members in attendance. No amendments were made.

**Motion:**

Moved to adopt the Minutes from the 2015 BGL Agenda

Moved: Brian Hoyano

Seconded: Janice Tymkow

All in Favour – Carried

1. **First Call for Nominations**

President: Brian Hoyano is nominated. Brian accepts. Moved by Jackie Shimko and seconded by Darcy Brown

Vice President: Darcy Brown is nominated. Darcy accepts. Moved by Brian Hoyano and seconded by Rhonda Kew

Secretary: Janice Tymkow is nominated. Janice accepts. Moved by Krista Wood and seconded by Jackie Shimko

Treasurer: Jackie Shimko is nominated. Jackie accepts. Moved by Glen Dennis and seconded by Darcy Brown

BGL Director / RAB Rep: Scott Petter is nominated. Scott accepts. Moved by Warren Fuller and seconded by Brian Hoyano

1. **Executive Reports**

President – Glen Dennis

* Glen will be stepping down as president after serving as President for 4 years.
* Alberta Winter Games was a success. Zone 5 Team #1 took Gold.
* U10 small nets had a fairly positive review. Will continue down this road.
* BGL and 123 League continue to work together to a line schedules and policies. Ringette Alberta is helping facilitate these discussions.
* Glen wanted to thank everyone for all the help and support him and the BGL Board received over his tenure and he thanks the new Board and wishes them all good luck.

Vice President – Kelly Keylor

* Kelly will be stepping down as vice president after serving 2 years.
* Not much to report in terms of discipline this year.
* Travel to Fort McMurray will still be an issue that will need to be dealt with by new BGL Board.
* Kelly thank everyone for all their support and dedication to the Sport and wished everyone good luck.

Statistician – Lana Fix

* Lana will be stepping down at Statistician after serving 2 years.
* Sending in the game sheets after all the games was a good step forward this year.
* Although it is very time consuming correlating them all and a new system for this might be required
* Lana thanked everyone for their work.

Scheduler – Sandra Fenton

* Was now to this role this past season and learned many things.
* Had to schedule 1021 games
* Had 634 Black-out requests.
* Need to continue to work on how to better deal with tournaments and black-out requests.

Webmaster – Rhonda Kew

* BGL is still hosting with RAMP
* RAMP upgrade coming soon with no cost to BGL
* Will clean up old information on webpage
* RAMP is working well and she is happy with it
* FOUR Teams surpassed their (3) Game reschedule allowance (Beaumont U16A-1, Beaumont U16B-1, Sherwood Park U10S1-1, Sherwood Park U19B-1)
* BGL had 179 non-weather related reschedules
* We need to upgrade BGL logo in Vector format. Go Logo originally did it but they do not have it now. It will cost about $150.00 to vectorize it.
* RAMP annual charge is $761.00

Treasurer – Jackie Fenton

* A draft Balance Sheet and Profit Loss statement was handed out to the attendees
* BGL is a positive cash position
* BGL made a donation this year to Dave Meyers (Executive Director RAB) for Alzheimer’s
* BGL is showing a profit of $1,377.54
* BBL is still waiting on some Associations to pay for their U10 Play-down ice.

**Motion:**

Appointment of a person to perform an Audit:

Donna Burns Accepted

Moved: Jackie Shimko

Seconded: Cheryl Law

Carried

**Motion:**

Move to accept the 2015 BGL Financial report as presented.

Moved: Shannon Langstrom

Seconded: Ron Heigh

Carried

1. **Coffee Break**
2. **“AA” Play in BGL**

U14AA

* Scheduling can be difficult due to shorten length of season and tournament play
* Potential New teams have some concern with U14AA players playing against larger U16A players
* Possibility of (6) teams playing at U14AA in BGL: ERC, Z5, St. Albert, Z4, Sherwood Park and Spruce Grove
* Possibility of creating a U14AA division with BGL
* If so, they will play on 75 minute ice slots
* The decision to form a U14AA BGL division will be made at the August start up meeting.

**Motion:**

BGL to look to establish a U14AA Division if (6) U14AA teams are submitted.

Moved: Kathleen Ryan

Seconded: Linda Gillispie

Carried

U16AA:

**Motion:**

Move that the registered U16AA teams will play in the U19A division for the 2016/2017 playing season.

Moved: Cheryl Law

Seconded: Linda Gillispie

Carried

1. **Fort McMurray play within BGL 2016/2017 season**

* Presented by Tim Prault
* Due to wildfire’s much of Fort McMurray has been destroyed but all recreational facilities seem to be untouched.
* Player numbers could be a significant problem this upcoming season as families might be delayed in moving back or not move back at all.
* Some players may decide not to play this year as equipment might be lost.
* There is a possible ability that Fort Mc Murray might not be able to field teams this upcoming season.
* Accommodations might be tough to get this year.
* Are BGL teams willing to travel to Fort Mc Murray this upcoming season for league play?
* Is there a possibility to due mini weekend tournaments that count as league play games?
* Plamandon might no longer be a viable place to host Fort McMurray league play as this arena has been taken over by Lac La Biche hockey and they are not as responsive to Ringette.
* Fort McMurray play and travel will have to be dealt with at the August 2017 BGL meeting.

1. **Ringette Alberta (RAB) Update**

* Presentation made by Rhonda Kew
* Resident Policy is still being worked on by RAB and no decision has been made yet.
* June 5th will be the next RAB meeting
* RAB will be updating the policies around Universal Athlete Assessment (UAA)
* UAA might be used to replace tiering standards. If this happens it will need to be in place by the BGL team declaration meeting.
* It will be mandatory for all Associations to do and submit UAA testing results to RAB. Timeline not submitted as of yet.
* RAB will use scores to select division of team play.
* Small nets were a success at Steps 1 and 2. A decision is needs to be made at Step 3.
* RAB decision on small nets to be made on June 5th, 2016.
* With small nets, the crease needs to be better defined.
* Amount of goalie time needs to be addressed in the U10 divisions.
* Come try it events – RAB wants to train all Associations on how to run and standardize on these events.
* BGL is now a member in good standing with RAB.

1. **Second Call for Nominations**

* Nothing to report

1. **Policy Review Committee**

* Glen Dennis makes this presentation
* Past practice and policy did not mesh last year. Past practice of BGL Associations voting on team movement at the retiering meeting and BGL policy did not line up.
* Glen would like to strike a committee of 5 persons (2 BGL executive members and 3 members at large) to review, evaluate and to make recommendations on policy change to be presented at the August BGL start up meeting.

**Motion:**

Move to approve the creation of a Policy Review Committee consisting of 5 members, two of which hold Executive positions to report back to the Executive with recommendations to be presented to review and approval of the membership at the August Start up meeting for Blackgold league.

Moved: Glen Dennis

Seconded: Brian Hoyano

All in favour: Carried

Policy Review Committee will consist of:

Brian Hoyano (pending) BGL President

Darcy Brown (pending) BGL Vice President

Tim Prault – Fort McMurray member at large

Jackie Shimko – Beaumont member at large

Colleen Freitag – Lacombe member at large

1. **BGL / League 1-2-3 Future Structure**

* This presentation was made by Glen Dennis
* A meeting was held on June 3rd, 2015 were the two leagues started brain storming wit ideas on how to better aligned with each other. This meeting was hosted by RAB.
* Both Leagues are working on what are our differences, what policies and procedures work best that each other could borrow from one another.
* Glen Dennis would like to continue working on this on behalf of BGL.
* Scott Peter (pending BGL Director and RAB Rep) would join Glen on working on behalf of BGL.
* Currently, it takes League 1-2-3 up to 5 weeks to build a schedule. They do not do any repooling. They have one person in charge of assigning refs. They have City Championship play-offs.
* BGL can build a schedule within a week. BGL has repooling. The Associations do their own ref assigning from U14B down. U14A and up is done by NAARA. BGL does not host their own League Championships.
* Tournament scheduling between BGL and League 1-2-3 seems to be the biggest stumbling block in lining up schedules.
* BGL and League 1-2-3 would like to get some consistency on Start Dates, End Dates, Amount of League, Travel, etc.
* A meeting was scheduled for the two leagues and RAB to meet in March 2016 but was cancelled due to time conflicts. At this time, no new meeting between the Leagues and RAB has been set.

1. **Third Call for Nominations.**

* Nothing to report.

1. **Election / Appointment of Officers**

* President – Brian Hoyano (Edmonton)
* Vice President – Darcy Brown (Red Deer)
* Secretary – Janice Tymkow (Pembina)
* Treasurer- Jackie Shimko (Beaumont)
* Director / RAB Rep – Scott Peter (St. Albert)

1. **Other Discussion Points:**

* Male players and male goalies are becoming more prominent in Ringette. BGL needs to look at reviewing their policies and procedures to adapt to this new reality.

1. **Association Round Table**

* Sherwood Park
  + Oct 28-30th Platinum Ring
  + They hired an evaluations company called “Competitive Thread” who charge $30.00 per player to perform, evaluate and rank their players. We very happy with the results.
* Beaumont
  + Oct 21-23 will be the Brass Ring
* Leduc
  + Jan 13-15 will be the Wild Thing
  + CRC’s to be held March 27th – April 1st (Lynn Suchan is heading this up)
* Red Deer
  + Jan 6-8 will be the Friends on Ice
  + Would like to submit (1) U10 Step 3 Team into BGL League Play
* Lacombe
  + Not sure on tournament dates as Lacombe rink is under renovation. Hoping for Nov or Dec.
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* Drayton Valley
  + Nov 25-27 is the Ring in the Valley
* Hinton
  + Not sure on tournament dates yet
  + National Ringette camp to be hosted in Hinton last week of August is SOLD OUT.
* Spruce Grove
  + Feb 10-13th is the Sweetheart
* Pembina
  + No tournament dates set yet
  + National Ringette camp coming August 8th – 12th. Spots open.
* Fort Saskatchewan
  + No tournament date set yet
* St. Albert
  + Turkey Ring is Oct 7-10
  + U12B Provincials Host
* Edmonton Federation (EFCLRA)
  + Silver Ring Jan 20-22 (same weekend as Scores on Ice and CORA
* Fort McMurray
  + Not sure on tournament date yet (Aurora Ring)
* Zone 4
  + Tentative date for “AA” tournament is Dec 9-11
* Zone 5
  + Will have significant challenges fielding teams this year. Mostly at U14AA.
* Edmonton Ringette Club (ERC) Zone 6
  + Nov 25-27th is the Wood Tourney

1. **Adjournment**

* Meeting was Adjourned at 12.50pm

Moved: Glen Dennis

Seconded: Jackie Shimko

All in favour: Carried

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Keylor, Vice President

Kelly Keylor, Vice President Glen Dennis, President

Black Gold League – First Meeting of New Executive May 14, 2016

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Brian called meeting to order @ 12:52

Appointment of Officers:

Statistician – Lana stepping down. Duties to include: checking email for scores that come in around 0900 day after game; update scores on website (only post 7 game spread) keep track of actual scores; busiest time is re-pooling & end of season/playoffs; come to BGL meetings prepared with actual scores; keep up to date (approx. 1/2 hr each day to input if you keep on it); honorarium of $500

1st call for nomination –

Statistician: John Shaw (not in attendance), Brian to follow-up

Referee in Chief: Terri/NARRA was RIC for last season (unable to attend this meeting). Only one concern & one suspension noted for last season. Terri sent an e-mail to Sandra stating that she would arrange to have a clinic to help train new ref coordinators, late August. Brian will follow up with Terri.

Critical Dates – as per Glenn

M1 – Start Up, August 24, location TBA

M2 – Sept 28, Declaration

M3 – Nov 15, Re-Pooling

M4 – Feb 7, General discussion

Then AGM

Due to some unknowns scheduled to be discussed at June 5th RAB meeting (UAAs & small nets, etc), critical dates are tentative TBD.

Executives to meet after June 5th RAB meeting, to discuss dates

FMC/Tim moved to have meetings held on weekends, to accommodate out of town associations.

For – 11, Against – 7, Abstained – 1, CARRIED

Janice will book room at Percy Page, to host Start Up meeting Saturday August 27th @ 0900

BGL dates – as per Rhonda: August 30th, Associations must submit Ice Allocators to BGL. Requested to update Executives & BGL representatives ASAP. She advised that all forms are available on BGL website. September 9th is when Associations must submit ice for 1st session (please use coding on form) 1.5x ice slots/team.

All remaining critical dates TBD @ Aug 27th meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Glenn Dennis, 2nd Cheryl Law